See Charles Chapiin in "The Count," Coyle Theatre, Friday

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BOYCOTT ON POTATOES UNTIL APRIL 1 SUGGESTED BY FOUST

State Commissioner Sees Opportunity For Reducing the Price

CONFERS WITH HIS AGENTS

Discusses Work of State With Inspectors in Pittsburg—Shortage of Spuds, he Says, Not as Great as Reported

State Food and Dairy Commissioner James W. Foust, following a conference with his agents in the Pittsburg district Wednesday suggested a boycott on potatoes until April 1 as a solution for one of the phases of the high cost of living.

"If every home would quit using potatoes until April 1 and if hotels would take them off their menus the price would soon drop to $1.50 a bushel," Mr. Foust said. "Any and every family can do this. Use some substitute; there are plenty of them."

Commissioner Foust said there are plenty of potatoes, but they are being held for top prices. There are also plenty of onions and other commodities, he declared, but there also are being held. The commissioner expressed regret that the bureau of which he is the head is not invested with the power and facilities for handling such a situation as exists in the food market today.

"There is a shortage," he declared, it is made to appear. The shortage is due to many causes, but chief among them I believe is the tremendous export trade in foodstuffs prior to the establishing of the present German blockade. I believe foreign countries, forseeing the effect of the German's submarine warfare, hoarded up a supply of food far in excess of their needs at that time."

Mr. Foust sees relief, almost immediately, in the food situation in this state. The railroads, he said, are rapidly relieving the freight congestion and are giving food shipments the right of way. Prices should tumble to a marked degree very shortly he declared.

Much of the panicky condition in the food situation throughout the country Mr Foust blames upon food speculators inspiring and disseminating reports that there was a vast shortage of food and prohibitive prices were warranted.

Consul Penfield Awaits Vienna's Answer on Subs.

The eyes of the nation are just now turned toward Ambassador Frederic C Penfield, whose negotiations with Austria-Hungary will probably conclude with a severance of relations with that country. Since the delivery of President Wilson's memorandum asking for a clear and final definition of the attitude of Austria-Hungary regarding "ruthless submarine warfare." Ambassador Penfield has played an important role in the country's service

SPEAKERS' COMMITTEE ORGANIZES ITS WORK

Plans Outlined for Future Activities of Southeastern District Body Working in Interests of Million Dollar Bond Issue

Organization of the speakers, committee of the southwestern district of the county in the campaign for the passage of the proposed million dollar road bond issue, was effected Wednesday evening at a meeting held at the Charleroi Elks' club. Plans were outlined for future work of the committee.

Officers of the committee named were Chairman, E. Fred Emery, Millsboro; vice president, W. F. Richardson, Bentleyville; secretary, C. K. Chalfant, Speers. Other members of the committee are G. S. Koedel, Donora; J. E. Johnson, Peters' township; Fred W. Allison, Roscoe and Charles S. Van Voorhis, Charleroi.

Plans call for a number of meetings to be held throughout the southeastern district of the county and for a thorough canvass of this part of the county. The speakers' committee will arrange for supplying speakers for meetings who are amply qualified for the work. They will work together in harmony with other committees from the district.

STATE DEPARTMENT IS BACK OF STORY

Documentary Proof Offered of Germany's Attempt to Effect Alliance With Mexico and Japan—President Wants Full Power

Today the State Department at Washington assumed full responsibility for the statements issued this morning relative to Germany's alleged machinations against the United States. The department offered documentary proof verifying the story that Germany had tried to interest Mexico in an effort to enlist that country and Japan in a movement against the United States.

Nothing but unlimited power will satisfy President Wilson, according to the story that comes out today, and he will veto any bill Congress passes that establishes a limit. Grave perils face the government, according to the developments of the last few days and the nation must be prepared for emergencies.

Instructions to German Minister von Eckhardt in Mexico City, who was to propose the German-Mexican-Japanese alliance, were conveyed through Count Von Bernstoff, ambassador to the United States who was dismissed when relations were severed.

GIRL IN CRITICAL CONDITION AS RESULT OF NEGRO'S ATTACK

Brownsville Young Woman on Way Home From Work When Assault Occurs

BOYS SEE FIGHT; SEEK AID

Run For Help to Man Who Lives Nearby—Police Are Notified and Four Negroes Are Arrested—Identification Not Attempted

Bleeding and insensible from injuries received while defending her honor from the inhuman advances of a man, said to be a negro, the unconscious body of Miss Helen Watson, aged 22, was found lying in a dark section of Fifth avenue extension at Brownsville Wednesday evening about 7 o'clock. Four negroes were arrested on suspicion by Squire C. C. Garletts later in the evening but Miss Watson's condition was so serious that she was not asked to identify her assailant. The negroes were committed to the borough police station.

Faint cries for help reached the ears of Harry Minehart, near whose residence the assault took place, when he ran from the house after two boys passing the scene had told him that a girl was struggling with a negro. He had walked down the street some distance but had seen nothing suspicious and was returning home when the faint appeal reached him from the ditch along the roadside.

There was but one cry, but he had no difficulty in locating Miss Watson, although the ditch is below the grade of the street and that section of Fifth avenue is particularly dark at night the nearest street light being some distance away. He picked up Miss Watson's insensible form and carried her to his home where she was attended by a physician who had been hurriedly summoned. She was removed to the home of Frank Moses, nearby, where she lives, a short time later and was admitted today to be in a serious condition.

Miss Watson made a desperate effort to defend her honor against the unidentified negro but she was finally overpowered, according to Squire Garletts who was informed of the girl's injuries. Miss Watson's body is covered with bruises and cuts she received when she was kicked and choked. Encircling her neck is a wide black line when the fiend attempted to choke her.

Miss Watson left a confectionary store in Upper Market street, where shewas employed, some time after 6 o'clock Wednesday evening and started for her home a considerable distance away in the Fifth avenue extension. The negro is said to have followed her and when she came to the secluded section rushed upon her from behind.

She beat him off the first time, according to the officers, and attempted to escape a second attack by running. The negro had no difficulty in overtaking the girl and a second time she attempted to beat him off. Blows were rained upon his head and face but she was soon exhausted and her resistance became more feeble. Strong fingers were clasped around her throat and she was choked into insensibility and fell to the ground at the mercy of the fiend.

CHILD WELFARE CIRCLE HOLDS ITS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Theme of Discipline Taken up—Two New Members Admitted Into Circle—New Meeting Announced

The regular monthly meeting of the Child Welfare Circle Wednesday afternoon was held at the home of Mrs. Anna Patton on Washington avenue. Two papers were presented, one by Mrs. W. B. Pflegharit on "Self Control Through Discipline" and the other by Mrs. Emma Dawson on "Constructive Discipline." Both subjects were discussed. Special music was rendered. Miss Elma Collins sang a solo, with accompaniment by Mrs. Gray Gaut Committees were appointed to arrange for a bazaar to be held shortly after Easter. Two new members were admitted, Mrs. Albion Bindley and Mrs. C. B. James. The next meeting will be held on March 28 at the home of Mrs. Curtis S. Bliss of Lincoln avenue.

Mrs. V. P. Stewart announces her spring Millinery Opening, Saturday, March 3. 217-t3—*

FIRE DESTROYS BALLEIN BARN

Forward Township Dairyman Loses Heavily From Wednesday Conflagration

LIVE STOCK IS DESTROYED

Fire Wednesday destroyed the barn and silo of John Ballein, on the old Bushen Wall farm in Forward township, opposite Monongahela in Allegheny county. Four calves, three hogs and all the feed and hay were consumed, entailing a loss of about $2,000, partially covered by insurance.

How the flames originated is not known, but it is supposed that someone slept in the barn and lighted a match or in some other manner ignited the hay in the mow. This theory is born out by the fact that the stable door was found open when Mr. and Mrs. Ballein entered the barn about 5:45 to do the milking. They had just completed these duties and Mr. Ballein had gone to the house for his breakfast, while his wife was in the milkhouse filling the bottles for delivery. She had occasion to return to the barn when she discovered the entire upper story in flames. An alarm was immediately sounded and the Ballein family succeeded in getting the horses, cows and other cattle out of the barn with the exception of those mentioned.

Neighbors in that vicinity noting the fire hurried to their assistance and a bucket brigade was formed. They succeeded in saving several adjoining buildings.

You are invited to attend Mrs. V. P. Stewart's Millinery Opening, Saturday, March 3. 217-t3—*

LANDSLIDE ON RICES LANDING BRANCH DELAYS MORNING TRAINS

Train Due Here at 7:08 Going North Arrives at About 9:40—Tracks Effectively Blockaded.

A landslide at Crucible on the Rices Landing branch of the Monongahela Division, P. R. R. greatly delayed northbound trains this morning. The train due here at 7:08 arrived at about 9:40 and other trains from the branch were correspondingly late. The landslide occurred during the night after the night trains had gone past and effectively blockaded the tracks.

What is latest in Millinery will be exhibited at Mrs. V. P. Stewart's Opening Saturday, March 3. 217-t3-*

BRANCH LINE IS PROJECTED

Surveys Being Made for Pennsylvania-Extension Into West Middletown

TO BE USED FOR COAL ROAD

The West Middletown section has been excited this week over the prospect of an extension of Burgettstown-Cedar Grove branch of the Pennsylvania railroad to tap an 8,000 acre coal tract in southern Independence township, owned by John A. Bell of Carnegie, presaged by the preliminary work of surveyors.

Engineers have been at work for several days and while they give no inkling as to what is projected, it is understood from reliable sources they are mapping out a line which runs south from Cedar Grove about one and one-half miles to Avella, turns from there up Crosscreek one and one-half miles to the William Liggett farm, and crossing the Wabash railroad passes through the William Liggett, Louis Liggett, Elliott heirs and Manchester farms. It crosses the ridge into Buffalo creek valley between the Manchester and Murdock farms and continues down Sugar run to the Mulholland farm, about one

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REFUSES TO HONOR INSPECTOR'S VOUCHER

Controller Underwood Stops Payment Of Road Man For February on Same Excuse He Formerly Used—Differences Not Adjusted

The differences between Controller T. J. Underwood and Commissioner John O Watson, which have been quiescent for some little time have again come to the surface. Controller Underwood has refused to approve the salary voucher of James O. Watson, son of Commissioner J. O. Watson, in the sum of $80 for road inspection work during the month of February.

It will be recalled that last month the controller refused to approve this voucher. As a result, James O. Watson sued the county. The commissioners made answer to the suit admitting the claim of James O. Watson and averring further that it was on account of the refusal of the controller to approve the voucher that the bill had not been paid.

Controller Underwood then filed a statement in which he set forth the reasons why he had refused to approve the warrant. Among these reasons were the charge that the junior Mr. Watson was incompetent, had no knowledge of road work and was not employed steadily during the month.

The controller has refused to approve the voucher this month on the same excuse. The litigation over the January Watson voucher has never yet been finally disposed of.

ELLSWORTH-COKEBURG STAFF HOLDS BANQUET

Officials and Staff Enjoy Affair at Ellsworth—General Manager an Honor Guest—Lieut. Roberts Unable to be Present.

Officials of both the Ellsworth and Cokeburg mines of the Ellsworth Collieries company were present Wednesday evening at a banquet held at Ellsworth, where W. A. Luce, general manager of the collieries company was honor guest. Another honor guest was to have been Lieutenant Eugene Roberts of the Canadian forces in France, who is in the United States on a furlough. He was compelled to stop in Pittsburg on his way to Ellsworth, in order to enter a hospital for an operation.

Entertainment at the banquet was furnished by the Ellsworth-Cokeburg band, by the Ellsworth Hawaiian orchestra and by two quartets. One of the quartets, which did a blackface stunt was composed of Ernest Dreyer, Herbert Dreyer, Ed. Fields and Palmer Ashton.

FINE OF $10 FOR MAN WHO RESISTED ARREST

A fine of $10 and costs is what Guy Sterner drew when he appeared before Burgess S. L. Woodward for a hearing Wednesday evening. The man was accused of resisting an officer when an attempt was made to eject him from an amusement place where he created a disturbance Tuesday evening.

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MADE THEM GUESS AGAIN

The six Republican members of the finance committee of the United States senate have forced the Democratic majority of that committee to withdraw the Democratic revenue bill and prepare another promising to go part way, at least, in meeting the government's demands for financial support.

The six Republican members of the senate finance committee headed by Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, joined in the minority report and startled the Democratic senate with disclosures.

The charge was advanced in the minority report that Democratic extravagance alone has made additional revenues necessary. No fiscal situation has been created even by war conditions which could not have been adequately met by the imposition of duties upon the flood of foreign made goods since the enactment of the Underwood near free trade tariff law, the minority contends. In protesting the Democratic policies the minority report says:

"The average American citizen finds it more and more difficult daily to make ends meet. Hardships and deprivations are his lot as he is confronted with the ever decreasing purchasing value of his hard earned dollar. For the cause he has only to be told that the Government is draining the people's pockets for useless objects, such as the fruitless Mexican expedition, costing nearly $200,000,000; the construction of a fertilizer plant to cost $20,000,000; an armor plant at $11,000,000; for the purchase of ships at exorbitant prices, $50,000,000; for many thousands of new offices at a yearly cost of over $40,000,000 and for manifold activities and agencies, many of them experimental and of doubtful value, running the cost of government far in excess of practical business and necessary demands."

It is admitted even by Democratic leaders that the proposed Democratic tariff legislation would compel a deficit of at least $500,000,000 at the end of 1918. All must be provided by direct taxation unless the Democratic policy is shifted.

Democratic tariff legislation has always been by guess work and it is apparent the Republicans have compelled another guess.

HELP FOR THE SEALER

Confiscation by the police of certain measures from hucksters on the street inspires the thought that this method of dealing with the supposed dishonest dealer could be followed for all times, with very wholesome effect.

Washington county employs a sealer of weights and measures, but does not provide him with assistants. It is manifestly impossible for him alone to give constant attention to individual cases in all parts of the county and about the best he can hope to do is to make an inspection a season in the various communities, trusting to the honesty of all dealers to follow his instructions. As a matter of fact dealers do not all do as he says, so he needs help.

Properly his assistants should be equipped with police authorities and quite naturally since the Charleroi example presents itself, those best qualified are the regularly appointed borough or city police. They need not work directly under the sealer, nor have any direct connection with his department. Their duties would simply be an enlargement of their work of protection.

The sealer could inspect the measures and the police see they were used. Far more effective would be the enforcement of the weights and measures laws.

WHAT OTHERS THINK

WHAT COULD BE DONE

The current number of the Outlook has an editorial on "What Could America Do in Case of War?" It says that the American people are rapidly passing from a perilous stage, that of neutrality of feeling, of unconcern and indifference. The American people are slowly awakening to the fact that barbarism is making war—in a barbaric spirit and by barbaric methods—on civilization. The Outlook even welcomes the deluge of letters that are being sent to Washington urging a policy of peace for the reason that it indicates that the spirit of indifference and unconcern is passing away and that a spirit of responsibility is beginning to take possession of the American people.

The Outlook feels that the outward and manifest sign of this national awakening is a national declaration of lawful war against unlawful war would of itself exert a moral influence which might be sufficient to determine the undetermined issue and bring this war-plotting to a speedy end. It would do more than anything short of a decisive victory in the field to force the common people of Germany to realize that they are now being used as pawns in a war against the liberties for which their father fought in the futile revolution of 1848.

In the opinion of the Outlook such a declaration of lawful war against lawless war would raise the blockade of fear which has been holding American vessels in port as effectually as if there was a cordon of hostile vessels off our coast and it would place this nation plainly and unmistakably along side of the allied nations that have been contending for two years and a half against lawlessness. If we go into this war, says the Outlook, it will be for no selfish national purpose but it will be for a purpose we should have in common with those now resisting lawlessness and a common purpose requires common action. That purpose is to defeat that power which avows that necessity knows no law.

What America ought to do she can do, asserts the Outlook and it adds that this is not the time to take counsel of our fears. It points out that in wealth we have nearly double the wealth of the British empire, five times the wealth of France, six times the wealth of Russia, twelve times the wealth of Italy, sixteen times the wealth of Japan. Our resources are nearly a match for the resources of all the Allies, big and little, put together. Our resources are two and one-half times those of Germany, Austria and Turkey combined.

The Outlook insists that in case of war with Germany, by joining the Allies we could make the not ineffectual blockade of Great Britain still more effective and could do much to compel Germany to sue for a peace based on justice and liberty. We could make our navy an effective instrument of warfare. We could contribute to the fighting land forces of the Allies by asking for volunteers for such service and even though the number would not be very large the moral effect of such a reinforcement would be very great. It would hearten the French and dishearten the Germany. We could at once institute the system of universal military training and by that means announce the determination of the American democracy not only to defend its own territory from invasion, but its obligation to democracy and liberty from violation. These and many other things the United States could do in case of war with Germany and the Outlook is not at all backward in advocating the adopting of such a policy. —The Pantagraph, Bloomington, Ill.

HELPING OURSELVES

While present conditions in the foodstuff markets of the United States are bad enough and while undoubtedly many people are not living at the same standard as that which characterized former days, we believe much can be done by the people themselves to minimize the troubles of today, by a determination to dispense with certain things which have heretofore been considered indispensable in the affairs of the ordinary household. Unfortunately for many of us, we have been living at the top of the heap and have not been aware of the fact. We have been partaking of all the good things the market afforded, and no matter what the season, we have been content with nothing, but the best that money could buy.

Now, that is all right as far as it goes, providing we are able to stand the strain on the purse, but in these days when the costs of foodstuffs have reached to such an awful height, many of us find it difficult and in some cases impossible, to keep things up to their former standard. Increasing wages have not kept pace with increasing living expenses, and consequently while men and women are receiving more money than ever before, they find when they come to check up their expense account that they are not as far ahead of the game as formerly.

Many schemes have been advanced for the purpose of reducing the cost of living, but they are only temporary expedients. The wholesale purchase of provisions, which will be sold later at a little advance over the cost, will not carry the people forward at the same high pressue that has heretofore been exhibited—the people themselves must show some disposition toward economizing their expenditures, as well as eliminating many of the things from the table which are real luxuries, but which have been regarded as necessities. In some parts of the country the people are urging the buying of certain vegetables, due to the excessive cost, and this may have a tendency to lower prices, but the solution of the entire problem will eventually be with the people themselves. Raising and distribution of foodstuffs will not solve the problem. There must be a mutual co-operation on the part of government and people, and if we only utilize the means which nature has placed in our hands, there need never be any shortage of foodstuffs in the United States, unless it be from some unforseen disturbance which would destroy crops. Those who can should plant gardens, while farmers should increases the acreage they have heretofore had under cultivation and when the harvest time shall come we will indeed be surprised at the results.—Donora Herald.

IT'S UP TO YOU.

Food riots in a land of plenty are doubly a clamamity. And such riots in the United States have their basis in faulty distribution and thoughtless extravagance. Housewives who buy indiscriminately, paying pear prices for hen's eggs, moving picture patrons who support the Charlie Chaplins with their $150,000 incomes, habitual non-producers in high life, abuse of credit, unscrupulous producers and similar practices and practitioners are the principal offenders in this business. Finally, the railroads, with their freight congestion and inefficient service are, in a large measure, to blame, and particularly at the present time. The saying that the "American public enjoys a swindle" is apparently true. Prices are dependent upon demand, and the public is not powerless in regulating demand. The individual is responsible for present burdensome conditions. Here is the remedy: Stop extravagance, starve the loafer, pay cash and demand reasonable profits, and demand them not only for your "necessities," but luxuries and entertainment as well. What America needs is individual co-operation to regulate prices. Are you willing to help?—Washington Daily News.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

At a trial in Baltimore a youthful physician was summoned as a witness and naturally in the cross-examination a lawyer seized the occasion to be sarcastic.

"Are you," demanded the lawyer, "entirely familiar with the symptoms of concussion of the brain?"

The young physician replied, "Yes, sir, I am."

Then the smart lawyer put a hypothetical case before the doctor in this way:

"If my learned friend, Mr. Reid and myself should bang our heads together, would we get concussion of the brain?"

The young physician calmly replied, "Mr. Reid might."

The little boy was evidently a firm believer in the old adage. "Of two evils choose the lesser." Turning a corner at full speed, he collided with the minister.

"Where are you running to, my little man?" asked the minister when he had regained his breath.

"Home!" panted the boy. "Ma's going to spank me."

"What!" gasped the astonished minister, "Are you eager to have your mother spank you that you run home so fast?"

"No!" shouted the boy over his shoulder as he resumed his homeward flight, "but if I don't get there before pa gets home he'll do it!"

ELECTRIC SPARKS

Some men never do a thing without hunting an excuse.

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Prosperity has soaked us with a brick.

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Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the other fellow who still has a cold.

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The reason good advice won't cure a cold is because it is applied too thickly.

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Most people who never had experience with the former are more willing to keep a garden than they are to foot the grocer's bills.

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Adam managed to get along with one name and we guess perhaps David did too. Now along come those who have four or five and have to hyphenate two or three of them.

COMPLETE PROGRAM FOR GIC TEMPLAR CONCLAVE ARRANGED

The complete program for the 64th annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, which is to be held in Pittsburg May 21, 22 and 23, has been mapped out by the members of the executive committee.

While the Grand Commandery will not meet until Tuesday, May 22, the conclave will actually be started on Sunday evening, May 20, when appropriate services, attended by the local commanderies, will be held in the various churches of the city. Monday morning and afternoon will be given over to the reception of the incoming knights.

On Monday evening there will be informal entertaining at the headquarters of the various commanderies in the downtown hotels.

The big parade has been scheduled for Tuesday morning, May 22 at 10 o'clock. Tuesday afternoon there will be a business session of the grand commandery and in the evening the grand ball and reception will be held in Masonic Temple, Fifth and Tennyson avenues.

Wednesday morning, May 23, will take place the election of grand officers and the selection of a place for holding the 1918 enclave. On Wednesday afternoon or evening, there will be an open installation of officers either in Masonic Temple or the Shrine Mosque, to which the general public will be invited.

During the business sessions of the grand commandery, the women will be well entertained. Automobile trips and tours to the various points of interest in the Greater Pittsburg district, including some of the big steel plants, are being arranged.

HUCKSTERS AGREE TO SECURE NEW EQUIPMENT; ARE RELEASED

New measures will be secured by hucksters whose equipment was confiscated Tuesday by the police. They were not compelled to appear before the burgess, being released upon furnishing evidence of their intention to procure measures properly marked with the seal of the county sealers' department.

MERCHANT'S WIFE ADVISES CHARLEROI WOMEN

"I had stomach trouble so bad I could eat nothing but toast, fruit and hot water. Everything else soured and formed gas. Dieting did no good. I was miserable until I tried buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka. ONE SPOONFUL benefited me INSTANTLY." Because Adler-i-ka empties BOTH large and small intestine it relieves ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas and prevents appendicitis. It has QUICKEST action of anything we ever sold. Henning's Drug Store.

ROBINSON CRUSOE BEING PRODUCED AT HIGH SCHOOL

Today at the high school auditorium school pupils are having an opportunity of forming a better conception of the life of Robinson Crusoe, for moving pictures are being reproduced from the famous Defoe book narrating the story. Tonight at the high school auditorium the Crusoe production will be for adults. The pictures are being produced as a benefit for the entertainment fund.

How to Make Use of Vermin.

In Paris, says a writer in the New York Sun, rats are made to serve a useful commercial purpose. When the animals are caught they are put into a deep walled pit and fed regularly. Once a month there is a general execution, accomplished in a scientific manner by means of gas. By that time the rats are sleek and plump, and their hides are in excellent condition. The hides are removed and treated and eventually are made into "kid" gloves. It has also been found that the skins can be used for bookbinding and in the manufacture of photograph frames.

Silver of the Georgian Era.

The appreciation of the work of the era of George II. and George III. was illustrated by an auction sale which I attended the other day in London. A small mustard pot, very simple and elegant and slightly battered, was among the lots. It would have been passed over by most eyes, but it bore a hallmark of George II's time, and the dealers bid eagerly enough for its possession until it fell to an offer of 2 guineas an ounce. That there are still possibilities of appreciation in silver however, was shown by the price given for a pair of old spoons of no unusual elegance and not in the best condition. They were dated 1613, and they brought £10 an ounce.—Westminster

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"EXTERIOR" PHONE SERVICE QUICKLY RESTORED.

Following a fire which destroyed telephone and telegraph cables in the basement of a building in the financial district of New York, construction gangs set to work to restore the interrupted service. As the wires in the building remained intact it was unnecessary to rewire inside, so cables and wires were strung on the outside of the building to every office in which there was a telephone or telegraph instrument. The wires were as thick along the outside of the building as vines on a grape arbor.

SUIT AGAINST SCHOOL DISTRICT BEING TRIED

Damages Claimed by Mrs. Sarah Rodgers in Fallowfield Township From Fallowfield Because of Land Taken for Location of School

One case was completed in common pleas court at Washington and the verdict taken. Another is still on trial.

A jury was selected this morning and taken to view the premises involved in still another action. It is the suit of Sarah E. Rodgers against the school district of Fallowfield township, a claim involving land taken for school purposes in that township. A considerable amount is involved, the plaintiff's claim being based on the location of the property taken in connection with the outlet from the other part of the Rodgers farm for coal operations. The case reached court on an appeal from the award of the viewers.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM TO PLAY AT MONONGAHELA; TEAM PRACTICING HARD

The high school basketball team will play its return game with Monongahela high school tomorrow evening on the Monongahela Armory floor. Quite naturally after the first Charleroi victory on the Charleroi floor recently another victory is anticipated, though it is doubtful that Capt. Fiedler will get into the game. Probably the same combination that Coach Wagner used last week against Washington will enter the game, consisting of Parent and Riva onfarwards, Pollock or Manon at center and Stahlman and Eagye at guards. Much interest centers in the game because of the old time rivalry between the two teams, and there will be a large crowd of fans go from here. The team has been practicing hard for the contest.

INMAN-CAR WEDDING OCCURS AT THE WASHINGTON AVENUE CHURCH

Ceremony Uniting Fayette City Girl And North Charleroi Man Performed by Rev. Burson

The marriage of Miss Mary Carr of Fayette City and Joseph L. Inman of Greensboro, N. C., was quietly solemnized in the study of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, with the pastor, Rev. John R. Burson, officiating. The bride was attended by an aunt, Mrs. Seneca McCrory of Fayette City and the ring ceremony was used. Roses and carnations were used in a bower effect. The bride was gowned in a traveling suit of blue. Mr. and Mrs. Inman left on an afternoon train for Baltimore. Upon their return they will make their home in the upper Monongahela valley.

FIGHT OVER DOLLAR BRINGS TROUBLE TO THREE FOREIGNERS

A fight over a dollar—no, not a potato as a fiction artist might have us believe—landed three men in the lockup Wednesday night and resulted in one being put under bond at a later hearing before Justice of the Peace Harry W. Scott at North Charleroi on a charge of aggravated assault and battery. The three arrested were Mike Kolesky, Charles Saraskey and George Dabalyness. At the police station the first two were fined each $1 and costs and the third $3 and costs. Before Justice Scott George Dabalyness brought suit against Charles Saraskey. Bond was placed at $500 and the transcript held up until Saturday in the hope that settlement could be effected.

The first sneeze is the danger signal. Time to take—

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Probably no branch of science has made such wonderful strides and changes during the past century as have been made in the practise of medicine. The science of mental healing every year claiming its multitude of new converts; the proverbial ounce of prevention is practised in every branch of medicine and healing art; laws have been enacted to prohibit the sale of habit-forming drugs; a nation wide "health insurance" is considered and less medicines are used in the cure of disease than at any time in our history. But such an old and standard remedial agent as cod liver oil still finds its place in the practise of modern medicine.

Every one knows the objection, however, to use of this nauseating remedy. So extremely disagreeable is the taste and smell of cod liver oil that many people have actually been unable to take a single dose of it. Many others have made heroic efforts to take the medicine but have been obliged to abandon it after struggling with the horrible stuff for a few days.

The consequence is that thousands have drifted into incurable diseases who might have been saved, had it been possible to administer this potent medicine. Enough people have been able to assimilate cod liver oil to prove to the medical profession and the world at large, its intrinsic value. Such patients as were blessed with unusually strong stomachs derived benefit from cod liver oil. Why, then, could not a form of it be devised, to be administered to patients whose digestive organs had been weakened by disease.

This is exactly what scientists and chemists have been aiming at for years, and this is exactly what was accomplished by two prominent French chemists. Some years ago their secret was brought to America, and our local druggists, Piper's Drug Store, succeeded in connecting themselves with the prominent firm of Boston Chemists who placed this new preparation on the market.

By a peculiar process the liver of the cod is treated in such a manner that there is obtained an extract or cod liver peptonate which contains all the curative properties that have made cod liver oil famous. The horrible smelling, nauseating oil that has always been a part of this remedy is left entirely behind.

These cod liver peptones are given in Vinol, which Piper's Drug Store are offering to their customers. To this is added the blood making, strengthening qualities of tonic iron, manganese peptones and glycerophosphates, which makes Vinol supreme in its field to build up strength for all run-down conditions, after sickness, for feeble old people, delicate children, and which also makes it such a grand constitutional remedy for chronic cough, colds and bronchitis.

Piper's Drug Store will be glad to tell any of their customers the good that is being done by finding a pleasant way to administer what has always been considered a valuable but much dreaded medicine,—to say nothing of its having been made more efficient.

To My Friends

I have opened a shop at Lock No Four where your needs in tin, sheet metal work, as well as warm air furnace work will receive my usual careful attention J M Whitlatch

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BRANCH LINE

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mile above the West Virginia state-line.

The proposed line will be seven or eight miles in length and used of course chiefly for a coal road. It would accommodate passengers and other freight, however, and would mean much to both West Middletown and Independence, from which it would run at about an equal distance where it would cross the ridge road called Washington-Wellsburg pike. This ridge, separating Crosscreek and Buffalo creek valleys, will be pierced, it is said, by a cut and not tunneled, although that will mean heavy grades on either side.

The line if built will tap a rich coal tract comprising about 8,000 acres recently come into the possession of John A. Bell at a price averaging approximately $100 an acre. W. F. Kline secured the options. The tract extends into West Virginia and roughly is situated on the north side of Buffalo creek from Bethany to Acheson. A shaft mine is projected on the Mulholland farm, to tap the field, and the output would be shipped East over the Pennsylvania railroad by way of Burgettstown. The line would also connect with the road planned by the Pennsylvania up Buffalo creek from Wellsburg to Taytorstown, part of which has been built and the remainder of which the company intends to construct.

The proposed extension of the Cedar Grove road would mean much, not only because of the better freight and passenger service it would offer to the section which now is at the least three miles from the nearest railroad the Wabash, but from the assurance it would give of a new and large industry. Many hundred thousands of dollars would be spent in building the line and opening the coal field.

Mr. Bell, who is one of the best known operators of the West Middletown section, owns the Cedar Grove mine and was instrumental in the development of that district and the construction of the branch railroad from Burgettstown to Cedar Grove.

Here's One of the Ways Malicious Lies were Circulated about CAMEL Cigarettes

In an effort to injure the wonderful sale of CAMEL cigarettes, many unprincipled schemes have been resorted to. The following is one of many ways such lies have been put into circulation.

An individual liar would approach a group of men, produce a newspaper, published in a distant city, and apparently become interested in reading. Suddenly he would exclaim, "What do you think of this?" He would then pretend to read an article about CAMEL cigarettes. In reality, the paper contained no such statement. The individual would at once walk away, carrying the paper with him. A newspaper from a distant city was always used in an effort to cover the tracks of the liar.

Would anyone voluntarily do this kind of unprincipled work? They must have been paid by someone to do it, and all of them should be exposed. An honest man will not knowingly work under the direction of a crooked superior, nor will an honest superior knowingly tolerate a crooked employee. However, some salesmen have told the trade that they had in their possession a newspaper containing a damaging article about CAMEL cigarettes. This was a malicious falsehood, as they had no such newspaper, and when asked to produce it, they were unable to do so.

CAMEL cigarettes are pure and delightful and the most popular cigarettes ever sold at any price. Cigarette smokers will not, for any length of time, permit malicious falsehoods to prejudice them against CAMELS.

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Winston-Salem, N. C.

THE WHITEWEAR SALE SWEEPS ON

Every day hundreds of women visit the Whitewear section to inspect and buy the muslinwear which we are offering in the biggest event of the kind ever held in Charleroi. There are literally thousands of pieces of snowy whitewear—every one of the best quality, absolutely new and low in price.

Every garment of underwear is included in this huge display and sale. There are combinations, petticoats, night gowns, muslin drawers, chemise, corset covers and camisoles in a great variety of styles, all sizes (including extra sizes for stout women,) and at all prices. Do not miss seeing the wonderfull display and taking advantage of the special prices.

Notice the Low Prices Inspect the Quality

It is very unlikely that any better underwear values were ever offered here—and that's saying a lot. This whitewear is from the same makers as our regular lines and is of the highest quality. Prices are lower than you will pay a little later on when the season becomes more advanced. The following list shows what splendid values can be had by buying now:

WOMEN'S GOWNS

Night gowns which will sell at $1.25 and 98c
Ladies underskirts Lace and embroidery trimmed will sell later $1.25.. .98c
Ladies muslin underskirts.....59c
Good quality Cambric Gowns plain and nicely trimmed, in slip-overs and high neck. White Sale Price 59c
Fine full sized Slip-Over Gowns, made of good quality longcloth, beautifully trimmed, with laces and embroidery. White Sale Price .....$1.00 to $1.75

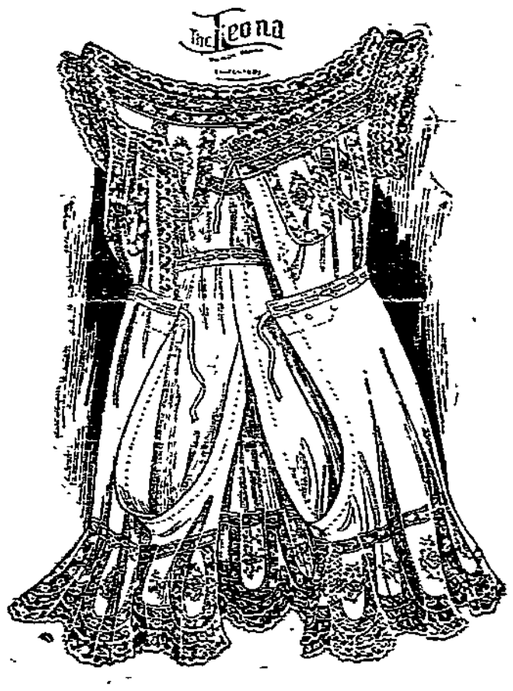
LADIES' SKIRTS

Beautiful lace and embroidery trimmed Skirts .....75c, $1.00 to $3.50
Envelope Chemise with dainty trimmings. Price .....59c to $2.00

Combination Corset Covers and Drawers Price .....59c. $1.00 to $1.25
9-4 Bleached sheeting 5 yd pcs... $1.49
36 inch Bleached Muslin .....10c yd.
36-inch Unbleached Muslins 10c
Dresser scarfs lace trimmed and embroidered, Special 50c
27 inch hemstitched embroidery flouncing 27c
Wide Voile and Shadow lace 10c
Torchon lace 5c
White-Ecru Cluney lace 10c

CHILDREN'S SKIRTS, GOWNS AND DRAWERS

Plain Drawers .....15c to 25c
Trimmed Drawers .....25c and 30c



Children's gowns, slip-overs and high neck, embroidery and lace trimmed .50c and 59c
Princess Slips.....50c, 59c, 75c to $1.25
Misses' Slip-Overs and High Neck Gowns White Sale Price.....59c and $1
Lace and Embroidery Trimmed Drawers Price .....30c to 50c
Princess Slips Lace and Embroidery Trimmed .....75c to $1.75

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PERSONALS

W. H. Milliken was a business caller in Pittsburg Thursday.

Mrs. George Clark of Crest avenue left Wednesday for East Liverpool and Selinsville, Ohio where she will visit a week.

Miss Bess Johnson of Bentleyville was the guest of Miss Violet Lutes of Meadow avenue Wednesday.

C. Warren Kinder and Miss Ethel Barth were callers in Pittsburg Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Carl Corwin entertained at a dinner party at her home on Crest avenue Wednesday. Those present were Mrs. J. K. Mitchell, Mrs. I. N. Kibler, Mrs. Minton Shipe, Mrs. John Snyder of Charleroi and Mrs. Charles Kent of Monessen. The affair was a farewell in honor of Mrs. Kent who will leave for Florida where she will make her home.

Sergeant Earl W. Williams, of the second company of the U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Wright, Fishers Island, is here to visit his sister, Mrs F. E. Price.

Deed Recorded.

February 23, 1917—Frank M. Haines, et ux., Charleroi, to Joseph F Bosson, Charleroi, two lots fronting 44 feet in Washington avenue, Charleroi; consideration $7,200.

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ALLEGHENY ICE GORGE CAUSES $10,000 DAMAGE AS IT PASSES FROM RIVER

It was estimated tonight that at least $10,000 damage was done by the ice gorge in the Allegheny river that passed out Wednesday. The principal sufferers were owners of dwellings, though three factories suffered severely. This estimate does not include damage to the Erie railroad, which will not be able to resume regular traffic on its Franklin branch for several days. There is ice eight feet high on the tracks at several points. A few passenger trains between Oil City and Meadville were operated today, passengers being carried in motor busses from one break in the line to another. The members of Company F, Sixteenth regiment, which was on duty during the night, were withdrawn this morning. The guardsmen and city firemen rescued many marooned families in boats.

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"Neutrone Prescription 99" for rheumatism! Nothing like it in the wide world. It is a prescription that everybody is talking about, and when one takes it, it penetrates to the muscles and joints and quickly drives out the cause of the painful trouble.

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THOMPSON RECEIVERSHIP ARGUED ON MARCH 12

Argument before the supreme court in the J.V. Thompson receivership will be held on March 12, likely at Philadelphia. The validity of the receivership is being questioned by Mrs. Elizabeth T. Kramer, who has a note claim of $3,000 against the former banker and coal land speculator. Mrs. Kramer is an unsecured creditor.

TESTIMONY TAKEN IN COUNTY BRIDGE SUIT

Westmoreland County Commissioners Maintain New Kensington Structure is Not Worth $250,000, Amount That is Asked

The suit of the New Kensington Bridge company against Westmoreland county was taken up before Judge R. W. Irwin Wednesday. The jury had been called on Monday before Judge J. A. McIlvaine, but as he was busy in another case the trial of the bridge case was called in court room No. 2. With the exception of one juryman, the jury Tuesday was shown the bridge, its approaches and the traffic passing over it. The one juryman, Amzi Eckles, missed the train. He remained in Washington during the day. The counsel concerned agreed to visit the bridge with 11 jurors.

The Westmoreland county commissioners who are fighting the claim of the bridge company assert that the bridge is by no means worth the $250,000 asked by the owners. The commissioners also are not satisfied with the award of the viewers, who estimated the value of the bridge at $145,000. The commissioners say the structure is old and in poor condition and at best worth not more than $100,000.

Among the witnesses Wednesday in support of their contention was Caretaker Luther, who has been in charge of the bridge for the last three years. He declared on the stand that the bridge was in very bad condition and in fact unsafe.

The plaintiff's case is now being heard and there will be much testimony to show the value of the bridge to the owning company and what the loss will be, were the bridge taken over by Westmoreland county and made free.

EIGHT MILLION POUNDS OF MEAT IN STORAGE

State Department of Agriculture Gives Figures to Legislature Upon Demand Being Presented—Other Products Stored Away

Over 8,000,000 pounds of meat were in cold storage in Pennsylvania on Tuesday, February 27, according to the report of the secretary of agriculture made to the house Wednesday in compliance with its demand for figures on which to base an investigation of the food situation. The figures on meat were 8,460,676 pounds. There was also in storage 1,303 bushels of potatoes, 9,104 dozen eggs in the shell and 86,594 pounds of eggs out of the shell. The amount of butter is given as 5,016,454 pounds.

Among other items mentioned are: Fish, 1,875,701 pounds; cabbage, 513 barrels; onions, 6,538 bushels; cheese 1,231,118 pounds.

The report gave no figures of 1916 for comparison. A comparison of the yield in the state however, showed a decrease of 70 to 80 percent for 1916 over 1915 and brought out that the grower now receives about one-fourth of what the consumer pays for eatables.

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS GIVE PARTY IN HONOR OF SENIORS

Members of the junior class of high school entertained at the high school gymnasium for members of the senior class Wednesday evening. About 75, comprising nearly all of both classes were present. Entertainment was provided through a diversified program. Different sorts of games were enjoyed, and some danced. Included in the guest list were a number of teachers and a few of the members of the school board. Decorations of the gymnasium were in the class colors, the senior blue and gold and the junior green and white. A moon in which sat a boy and a girl was a feature, presenting a pretty scene when electric lights were switched on. All the decorations were arranged by Asa Howard, a member of the junior class.

CHARLES CHAPLIN TO BE FEATURED AT THE COYLE

One of the biggest attractions this week at the Coyle theatre promises to be that tomorrow of the appearance of Charles Chaplin in "The Count." According to advance notices Chaplin is at his best in this production and he brings out side-splitting comedy. Today is being presented "The Happiness of the Three Women."

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during the sickness and death of our wife and mother. Especially do we thank the Ladies of the Altar Society of the Mother of Sorrows Church, the Hill Top Boys and all those who sent floral tributes.

Anthony Mallis,
Anthony Demarco, Brothers & Sisters. 217-t1

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WANTED—Milliner apprentices. Apply J. W. Berryman & Son. 210-tf

WANTED—Firemen. Steady work. Tri Cities Water Company. 208-tf

WANTED—Boy 16 years or over to work in store. Apply 871 Mail office. 208-tf

WANTED—Stenographer. Girl with experience. Inquire Box 201 Monessen, Pa. 215-tf

WANTED—Seamstress. Lady who is not afraid of duties. Apply N. W. Schlup Co., Monessen. 216-c2

WANTED—Shoe man. State age and experience. Must be able to demonstrate salesmanship ability. Apply N. W. Schlup Co., Monessen. 216-c2

WANTED—Ten experienced saleslades. If not experienced must be willing to learn. Apply N. W. Schlup Co., Monessen. 216-t2

WANTED—Two rooms for light housekeeping in house with quiet refined people by lady employed. Apply 885 Mail office. 217-t1-p

FOR RENT—Six rooms and bath for April 1. 424 Lincoln avenue. 213-t6p

FOR RENT—Small house, 4 rooms, good location. Inquire W. H. Atkins at Berrymans. 217-t1

FOR SALE—Fresh cow with calf. Inquire 1209 Crest avenue. 217-t2p

FOR SALE—Seven room house and bath. Inquire 203 Prospect avenue. 214-t6

FOR SALE—Five room house, good cement cellar, furnace heat. Corner Third and Shady. A bargain. eod-t4

FOR SALE—One three and one four roomed house $650 and $750. Inquire K. W. Daly. Bank of Charleroi. 212-t6p

FOR SALE—Six room house, bath room, hot air furnace, electric lights, located on Shady avenue. Inquire E. J. Charles, manager Real Estate Department, Charleroi Savings and Trust Company. 205-tf

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